

THE SILVER MEN.

Bland and Stewart on the Silver Question.

LOSSES BY THE LYNN FIRE.

Bridge Accident on the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad—A Triple Murder in England.

St. Louis, November 27.—In the course of his speech to-day, Bland said the only question with the metalists in this country is whether the demonetization laws should be at once repealed, or whether we should wait for the convenience of other powers, including Great Britain. It was a significant fact that there was hardly a man in public life today willing to assume the responsibility of continuing the single gold standard. Bland spoke at length of the panic of 1873, and said: "It is not claimed that the demonetization of silver alone caused this panic. There were other contractions of the currency in progress, but the probabilities are that we left the funds open to the free coinage of silver. There would have been a constitutional aid, a heavy increase in the coinage of silver dollars, to counteract the effect of paper contraction."

On the continent to the south of us, and to the east in Asia there are 800,000,000 people who use only silver as money. They are the backward peoples for money, and the chief source of foreign trade. We ought to have this trade, and proper legislation on the silver question will greatly aid us in securing it. By the free coinage of silver and gold, New York, and not London or Paris, would be the money center for the exchanges of the world."

The convention reassembled at 2:30 p. m. and listened to papers by Judge Morris of Richmond and Congressman Symmes of Nevada. Then made a speech, which was received with much applause, in which he said: "Nations have tried long and hard to keep a specie standard, but they have failed. The only nations that have succeeded are those that have decided on silver. The first we heard of the use of silver was in ancient times, and it was used as an ornament and afterwards as money."

McCarthy Whips Nolan. New York, November 27.—A fight to a finish, between Al McCarthy of Jersey City and Mike Nolan of England, for the featherweight championship of the world, took place this evening near New York. McCarthy weighed in at 115-4, Nolan at 110 pounds. Nolan went at McCarthy from the start and the latter let his opponent do all the fighting, but never lost an opportunity to get in a good blow, and drew first blood in the first round. In the sixth round Nolan forced the fighting very fiercely, but McCarthy fought him almost to a standstill, and the seventh round McCarthy ended the battle by swinging a left-hander on Nolan's jaw. Nolan was not knocked out, but was going blind for McCarthy to stop and rest. The fight was given to McCarthy.

The Lynn Fire. Lynn, November 27.—Insurance adjusters present an estimate of the total insurance on the burned property of \$2,500,000. The daily item was first to erect its little office on the site of its former home, but it has been the largest of his three factories, said that most of the manufacturers will rebuild here, and before many months the city will be as prosperous as before the disaster. The Mayor is receiving citizens desiring assistance were received from Boston and neighboring towns. A committee was appointed, a subscription list was started, and generous contributions received.

Terrible Disaster. Ashbury Park, N. J., November 27.—The bark Germania, loaded with empty oil barrels and rags, was wrecked to-night at Long Beach. Before the fire could be checked, the vessel's spar went by the board, and she quickly went to pieces and disappeared. Five sailors were rescued. Captain Windward and eight sailors were drowned. The vessel struck, the captain, it was reported, was killed. The vessel was a schooner, and was on a voyage to New York. The bark sailed from Seattle September 30th for New York.

Healthy Sentences. NEWARK, November 27.—The trial of a civilian, proprietor of the carriage factory in which the disastrous explosion occurred last September, resulting in the death of many persons, and the injury of many more, was today concluded. The judge sentenced Corvill to four years and six months imprisonment, and to pay a fine of \$200 fines each.

Destructive Fire at Leeburg. Leeburg, Pa., November 27.—A conservative estimate of the loss by last night's fire is from \$150,000 to \$175,000, with an insurance of \$150,000. It is supposed to have originated from natural gas. Twenty or more persons families were saved and no lives lost. Definite arrangements will be made to house them to-day. The population of Leeburg is 500.

Blown to Atoms. DAYTON, Ohio, November 27.—At Hawthorne a two-story brick dwelling in the western part of the city was blown to atoms at 1 o'clock this morning by an explosion of natural gas. Two children were killed, and Scott Hawthorne, his wife and father were taken to the hospital. The explosion was heard all over the city.

Robber Caught. PORTLAND, November 27.—A dispatch from a Wells Fargo & Co. detective at

BOSTON'S BLAZES.

Nearly the Same District as That Burned in 1872.

NATIONAL SILVER CONVENTION.

A Relief Fund Swindler Located in the Canadian Dominion—The Storm in the East.

A New York special from Boston says the fire bell rang out through a driving rain at 8:15 this morning, and in less than half an hour there was good foundation for another Boston fire. The flames were first discovered in the mammoth store building, corner of Kingston and Bedford streets, and which was hitherto thought to be fireproof.

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A Girl Severely Burned. CINCINNATI, November 27.—A girl was severely burned this morning by her clothing taking fire while standing at the stove. She ran out of the street and was caught by William Bowden, who saved her life at the expense of his hands, which were severely burned, in some places to the bone.

Six Horses Burned. ST. LOUIS, November 27.—Six horses were cremated this morning in the stable of Mun & Leisenberger. The fire for a time threatened the destruction of the whole block, but was got under control with little damage.

A Havana Strike. HAVANA, November 27.—The difficulties in the cigar trade have resulted in the closing of all the factories. The government has ordered the dissolution of the unions and forbidden gatherings of the strikers, who threaten insurrection.

Steel Works Started Up. PERRIN, November 27.—The Colorado Steel and Iron Company, having the largest blast-furnace, fired up to-day. Other steel works start up next month, after an idleness of over a year.

The Hecla Mine Fire. NEW YORK, November 27.—The loss by fire at the Hecla Iron Works at Williamsburg Monday night is \$100,000. Fire or other steel works are thrown out of employment.

The Weather. SAN FRANCISCO, November 27.—Forecast till 8 p. m. Thursday, California: Rain in northern California, and fair weather in southern California.

More Disasters. LITCHFIELD, Minn., November 27.—A genuine blizzard set in this morning. Snow has fallen to a depth of three inches, and it is drifting badly.

London, November 27.—A mobster of the Bombay Lancers yesterday killed his commanding and two officers of his regiment.

GIVE HIS NAME. A Railroad Employee Accused of Organizing School Girls.

This city is at present cowed by the presence of a number of young would-be mobsters, who did infinite pleasure in the process of ogling schoolgirls. Several of them make a practice of congregating at the depot where the girls from the east side have to cross in order to get to school, and as the young ladies pass by them they give expression to their remarks by "giving" them a "look" or "stare," etc., etc. Several of these terms are being quoted and they will be surprised one of these fine mornings.

It matters have reached such a condition that respectable young ladies, simply because they are too young to know how to resist such treatment, must be insulted on their way to school, the fathers and brothers of these girls should see that a lady and mother should have no sort of a doubt as to the result. It is not two or three of these scoundrels are bored full of holes there will be no cause for regret.

One of these fellows so far overstepped the bounds of decency that he wrote a note to one of the young ladies who had found special favor in his lecherous eyes. He knew the girl was fatherless and had no money to pay for his advances or to enable her to get away from him. The name of this fellow is known to the writer, and it may be necessary one of these days to reproduce some portion of his misdeeds.

This same fellow, accompanied by another, also makes frequent visits to some corner near the school ground during times of recess in order to try his powers of "mashing." We trust the proper officials of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company will not deem such conduct on the part of an employee a good reason for retaining him in their service.

Tulare Register.

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THE LADYBIRD'S RIVAL. A Pasadena Inventor Blows the Scale Bug in Kingdom Come.

Agent the red scale a Pasadena inventor is preparing to patent at some early date an apparatus that will rid us of this pest. It is a device which is a small, light, artificial scale, made of wood or metal, and is attached to a hopper below, in that form is attached to a pair of bellows of large size. The bellows is fed with sharp-edged sand collected for the purpose. All being ready, a discharge of sand starts a valley of death-leading, and is shot at the leaves, each one bringing down a scale. The leaves, twigs and limbs are hit at every point, and by moving the hopper above, every scale is blown off, and the scales are easily blown off. To make the thing more realistic, there is a brass drum attachment to imitate the moaning of the wind, and occasionally the engineer crashes two boards together, and a rattling sound is produced. The effect is so realistic that all the leaves will soon go by the board, and, relinquishing his hold, the scale will be blown off by the sand. The sand, as it falls, runs into another hopper, and is immediately carried back into the machine. It has been estimated that with one Chinaman at \$1.00 per day and found, over 5,000,000 scales can be blown off in one day, and over and over. What more do you want?—Los Angeles Times.

THE FRUIT EXHIBIT. The frame containing the exhibit of Fresno fruit sent to Chicago, Ill., over a year ago, and then to Columbus, O., during the emancipation of the Grand Army of the Republic, was received at the railroad depot yesterday. The fruit is in good condition and shows conclusively the excellent manner in which it was packed. Many of the glass fronts have been removed from the pyramid and the fruit taken, while in some of the other frames only part has been consumed.

Secretary Smith, who has charge of the exhibit room in the railroad depot, suggests the propriety of reselling the frames, and suggests that all persons feeling so interested should bring in such fruits as they may have as will reflect credit upon the display.

A Heartless Man. Some heartless man led a sick horse to the railroad reservation, near the corner of Stanislaus street, yesterday morning and left the poor beast to its fate. The horse died soon afterwards, and if the carcass is not removed the residents of that neighborhood will lose their appetite for their Christmas turkey.

Temperance Lecture. Frank Sterner, Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, will deliver a public

THE COUNTY ROAD BONDS.</











The Fresno Republican
FRIDAY AFTERNOON
Short & Shanklin.

For a number of years, the Fresno Republican has been a leading newspaper in the city. It is published every day except on Sundays and holidays. It is a large paper, and is well known throughout the city.

From the Daily of Sunday. Bert G. Snow came down from San Francisco last evening. M. B. Keenness and wife arrived last evening from Modesto.

Mrs. W. O. Breyfogle of Modesto is visiting friends in this city. W. M. Williams returned from a short business trip north yesterday.

R. V. Crocker came down from Modesto last evening to spend Sunday in Fresno. Dr. DeWitt will give a lecture to builders on Saturday night. Mechanics are especially invited.

Miss Mary Wilson went to Modesto yesterday, where she will be the guest of friends until next Thursday. Professor Hamilton Wallace of Tulare City is in the city. He has a model two-year-old vineyard in West Park.

S. P. Nielsen was granted citizenship papers by Judge Harris. The applicant is a native of Denmark. Remember, December 12th, the "Kalendar Kermess" will be held by the ladies of the "Kalendar Kermess" church.

Ed. Austin will soon open a cigar and news stand in the Hotel Ploasden. He is now in San Francisco for a few days. At the regular weekly drawing of the Occidental Watch Club, held last night, watches were won by George M. Jones of Chicago, No. 1, and C. M. Beckwith of Chicago, No. 2.

Miss Lizzie Thorne left on last evening's express for Hanford, where she will spend the winter with her aunt, Mrs. Dr. Davidson. Brown & May sold the improved four-acre vineyard, Mrs. Driver in Fresno County, last Friday to Dr. J. H. Kelly, the consideration being \$10,000. The demand for improved and unimproved vineyard land is active.

S. Brown of Los Angeles, proprietor of Brown's Wonders, a cat and dog show, is in the city. He is highly recommended by the Mayor and other officials of Los Angeles. James Goucher, brother of Senator Goucher of this county, was seriously injured last Thursday when he fell from a Valencia-street cable car in San Francisco.

Ed Austin will leave today for San Francisco to purchase a stock of goods for his new cigar store, which he intends to open in the Occidental Hotel. He will be accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Austin, who will be the guest of Mrs. C. A. H. Walford until his return.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Kirk of Peoria, Ill., are spending a few days in the city, guests of the former. Mr. Kirk is a farmer and is highly interested in farming land near Kingsburg. This is the third time Mr. Kirk has visited Fresno in the last few years. He says he sees a marked improvement in the city since his last visit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Muller and wife, Mr. and Mrs. R. Woodworth, Mr. and Mrs. W. More Young, Dr. and Mrs. A. Pedlar and C. P. Presley rode out to the Rogers vineyard last evening and were handsomely entertained by Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Eggers. The party enjoyed themselves for several hours playing games in the bowling alley and with supper afterwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Williamson leave this morning for a visit to Southern California. They have been in the city for the past nine years. Mr. Williamson has been a resident of Central County, near this city, and during that time has not been out of the county. They have acquired a good knowledge of the country and feel that they are entitled to a little recreation.

D. M. Keenness of Fresno and Miss Jennie Broughton of Santa Cruz were married yesterday at Sacramento. C. S. Abbott and Mrs. S. P. Rogers accompanied the couple from Modesto. The ceremony was performed by a clergyman of the Episcopal church, and the bride was attended by a sister of the groom. Miss Broughton is a dressmaker by profession, and is a sister of J. R. Broughton of Modesto. Modesto Herald.

Death of A. H. Anderson. A. G. Anderson, a respected pioneer of this county, died yesterday afternoon at his home near Centerline, in this county. The deceased is a native of Woodford county, Kentucky, and 65 years old. He was an old member of the Masonic fraternity. He served several terms as Deputy Assessor and was engaged in business for a time as an insurance agent. The wife of the deceased died several months ago leaving four small children, who are now wholly orphaned. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

A Significant Fact. The Manager of Wells, Fargo's Express office in this city reports that more business was done in the office during the month of October than ever before in the history of Fresno, and he takes this as an indication of the fact that there is a boom in trade at the present time. The month of December is the busiest month in the year for the express office on account of the Christmas holidays, but the business done last October was far greater than that done last December.

Fresno. You can not pick up a paper published in the state without seeing and reading something pertaining to our enterprising little city of Fresno. It gets more free advertising than any other city of its size in the world. This week a little girl was born in Modesto, and the mother is a great-grandparent in Fresno. It is just going to a Merced editor to have to trace Merced's newly-born to the illustrious blood of Fresno, a Fresno city. Merced Express.

The Christian Revival. Seventy-two persons have united with the Christian Church since the beginning of Professor Coombs' revival. To-day at 11 o'clock Professor Coombs will preach on "The Good Confession." At 8 p. m. there will be a service in the church, where the ordinance of baptism will be administered. At night Professor Coombs will preach his farewell sermon. Subject, "Our Peace."

A Bright Weekly. "Chaff," formerly the bright theatrical program, appeared yesterday as a weekly in an enlarged form, pregnant with great promise for the future. It is the spiciest weekly of the county and gladdens with bright sayings like the dewdrops on May's vineyards in spring. "Chaff" is composed by the manager, Colonel Wilberforce, the former editor, having died from a rush of intellect to the brain.

The Bird Cage Attached. Henry Stutzman, a barkeeper in the Elite saloon, entered an attachment suit in Justice Llovo's Court yesterday against Alma Jovett and Richard Horton for \$100, alleged to be due for the furniture in the Jewett bungalow, in the Phillips building on J street. The defendant gave bonds.

LES MISERABLES.

The County Pays for Guarding Railroad Trains.

TRAMPS WHO BRIBE BRAKEMEN.

Strange Phenomena Observed By Charles Thompson—Some Criminal Notes.

From the Daily of Sunday. Deputy Constable Hunter waited for the south-bound freight train at 1 o'clock yesterday morning, and when it halted at the station the conductor pointed him out nine men who were riding in one of the box cars. Special Policeman Ragsdale assisted the Deputy Constable in taking the men to jail on a charge of vagrancy.

The average citizen, on reading such an item, will feel inclined to clap his hands in applause of Fresno's vigilant Constable, who voluntarily stay up all night to punish tramps and others for traveling in the box cars of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company. But if the average citizen happens to be a taxpayer he will have the satisfaction of knowing that he, and not the railroad corporation, is paying the cost of the Constable for his trouble in watching all night for tramps.

The Constables are paid in fees by the county for all arrests, and the railroad corporation is saved from the expense of paying a detective for every train on the road.

A DICKINSON OF THE TREASURY. This is a very small business of the Southern Pacific Railroad to be engaged in, but it is nevertheless a business which every citizen who pays the taxes of that corporation can pay. Several years ago the railroad agency purchased a large tract of land in the valley of the San Joaquin River, and on this land it built a large number of box cars, and on these cars it carried its freight. The cars were built in such a way that they could be transported by barges and tugboats, as grain is carried at present.

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RELIGIOUS DELUSIONS.

A Spiritualist in the Role of An Indignant Citizen.

PROF. COOMBS TAKES TO TASK.

Horace H. Taylor, the Medium, Rises to Defend the Faith of Which He Is An Apostle.

Editor REPUBLICAN: In your paper, issued November 10th is a column headed "Religious Delusions," by the Rev. Dr. Coombs, wherein he tries to prove to his listeners that all churches and creeds except his own are delusions. After expressing himself very freely on the subject, he draws the line by the assertion that Spiritualism is a delusion.

Quoting from your paper, he says: "Again, delusions come—Spiritualism has come, and asks recognition. What of this delusion? Some deluded souls see spirits. Where? Not at home, in church, or in the light, but in some half-lighted room erected to deceive."

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STOCKTON WAKES UP.

Her Live Newspaper Points the Way to Prosperity.

There is an enterprise under consideration at present in Fresno which should attract the serious attention of the business men of Stockton. It contemplates the construction of a railroad from Fresno to some point on Monterey Bay. The people of Santa Cruz are active to have the terminus made at that town.

Fresno has always wanted independent railroad communication with the outside world, the people there claiming that they are not fairly treated by the Southern Pacific Company. If they keep the agitation up long enough they are bound to have an independent road some time.

But the natural route is not across the mountains to Santa Cruz, but down the valley to Stockton. It would cost much less to build the road across the valley than over the mountains, and much less to operate it after it was built. Then the cost of freight and passenger carriage by water from Stockton to San Francisco would be but a fraction of the cost of carriage from any point on Monterey Bay to San Francisco. Crafts plying between the latter points would have to be of the sea-going order, to construct which involves about as much expense as the construction of a railroad.

Freight from Stockton to San Francisco of the heavier and more bulky class could be transported by barges and tugboats, as grain is carried at present. At present the cars are used to carry freight from Stockton to San Francisco, and from San Francisco to Stockton.

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THE SEASON IN RHYME.

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lakes of the state of California. As a geographical fact it exists to-day as a "lake" by courtesy only—for it is not a lake. When the writer first saw Tulare lake it had a larger surface area than any other body of fresh water in the state. Its northern part was in Fresno county, its southern in Kern, and its width was about thirty-five miles. Twelve years ago it began to recede perceptibly, and is now a series of small, shallow, salt-water lakes of high water, it has been reduced to a mere puddle. At one

time a steamboat made regular trips to an island miles from the shore. To-day that "island" is so far inland that the lake cannot be seen from it. The diversion of water from the streams feeding the lake and its use for irrigation has deprived our geographical phenomenon of its sustenance, and evaporation has taken the place of drainage as accomplished the result. Tulare "lake," so are now informed on good authority, is only a mud-hole two and a half miles in length, by

one and a quarter miles in width, and in the deepest place the bottom is only about two and a half feet below the surface. Occasionally a high wind will send the waves rolling out a mile or more over the level bed recently made bare by the recession of the waters, but these periodic efforts assist but little in the meiotic efforts aimed at still narrower limits. Such a flood as the memorable one of 1862 would cause the lake to claim again a large area of land now covered with grain fields and dotted with equators.

The difficulty threatening social life from the alarming frequency of divorce may be avoided, after all. A suggestion comes fresh from Canada, full of philosophy, which offers hope that the day of

The divorce court may soon be opened. The telegraph brings the hint, and it is well worth considering. An Ottawa man married a girl much younger than himself. Afterwards—a long time afterwards, it seems, for six children were born to them—the husband refused to go to the distant land. The wife waited patiently, but heard no news from her spouse. Accordingly, in the course of time, she arrived at the happy conclusion that he had died. . . . Simultaneous with this con-

clusion came a certain man whom she loved and wedded. The other day the first husband returned to his hearthstone. He was indignant, but not dead. There was, however, none of the usual and unaimed displeasure in him that jealous rage indicates in some men. He demurred that he is a philosopher clean through. Calling to his wife the intrusive side of his household he proposed a dicker. Naturally, the second husband did not object to that simple way of adjusting a very complex and em-

barren domestic complication, and the pair presently agreed upon the terms of settlement. The conditions were by no means onerous. Forty dollars was all the original claimant asked for a quiet claim to his entire family. The money was given over and all parties to the contract are reported to be doing well.

If the Canadian plan should become as popular as divorce is now, it would prove a severe blow to the lawyers, but society might better endure it than all the distasteful scandal that the divorce

Courts now develop. The past might be enlarged to cover a variety of cases. If, for instance, when a man feels that he loves a woman more than her husband does, he would refrain from being detected in a disgraceful scandal to the detriment of his life, both moral and physical, and instead submit a cool-blooded proposition to buy her, how much smoother the domestic machine would glide along. And the husband might do worse than lose his temper over the proposition, especially if his wife manifest a disposi-

tion to be unscrupulous to the speaking, too, the husband would have cause for double indignation. What finer revenge could he desire against the one who has domestic peace than to commit him to the care of his faithless wife? And then to have his enemy pay for a revenge against himself! It is easy to see that the Canadian plan offers advantages that may knock out all the romance from half the social scandals of the day. Gold dust moves the world may yet become a powerful agent in the

The statement by the Chronicle of the fact that the Union Pacific intended to make this city its western terminus has had the effect of loosening the tongues of some who previously did not consider

themselves in theory to rank. A German man stated yesterday, in the most emphatic language possible, that he knew on the very best authority that the Union Pacific is going to build to San Francisco from Piche over the line surveyed six years ago for the California Central Company. To this assertion he added the equally positive one that the company has no intention of building into Southern California for the present. An

to the city, he said: "The Southern Pacific Company has made a positive offer of terminal facilities to the Union Pacific at less than 1 per cent per annum on what it would cost that company to build and acquire them, and the new overland line will pay a yearly rental of \$50,000 for the privileges. The Southern Pacific Company made this offer not alone to the Union Pacific, but to any other continental line, and it recognizes that the entry of such a line is only a question of time."

W. D. Tupper went to Visalia last evening, where he will appear in the Superior Court to-day as attorney for the Fresno Canal and Irrigation Company.

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